

State of Alaska

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
April 22nd, 2021**

**These are DRAFT minutes prepared by the staff of the
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing.**

These minutes have not yet been reviewed or approved by the Board.

**By the authority of AS. 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.64, Article 6, a
scheduled board meeting was held via Zoom.**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Agenda Item – Call to Order & Roll Call

Board Chair Erin Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Erin Johnson, Psychologist
Bradley McConnell, Psychologist
Sherri Scott, Psychological Associate
Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of
Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Logan Bugayong, Licensing Examiner
Lacey Derr, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Josh Hardy, Investigator

Agenda Item – Review & Approve Agenda

The Board reviewed the drafted agenda of the meeting.

**In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood and seconded by Bradley McConnell, with
unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the agenda with the amendment to begin
tomorrow’s meeting at 10:00 AM**

Hearing no Ethics to report, the Board moved on with business.

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41 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report & Training**

42 Erin Johnson asked about the number of changes in complaints being filed and Josh Hardy stated that it
43 has been regular and consistent. Investigators Josh Hardy and Amber Whaley from the Division
44 presented the investigative procedure and then the board moved into Executive Session.

45 **Upon a motion made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Bradley McConnell, and approved**
46 **unanimously, it was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS**
47 **44.62.310(c), and Alaska constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of**
48 **discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be**
49 **confidential.**

50 **Executive Session: 9:29 AM**

51 **Executive Session End: 10:11 AM**

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53 **Agenda Item – ASPPB Midyear Conference Review**

54 Erin Johnson discussed having attended the ASPPB Midyear meeting. Notable points from this meeting
55 were that some states had instated the EPPP part 2, and she brought up that there are aspects of adding
56 that test that they will need to think about in the future. This sparked the discussion about uniformity
57 across jurisdictions and Lacey Derr brought up PSYPACT. She mentioned that nursing is currently
58 working on their own nursing compact and being faced with difficult questions from the legislature, and
59 advises that the board be prepared for that and for Alaskan Sovereignty to be brought up.

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61 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update**

62 Lacey Derr explained the difference between the Courtesy License and the Covid-19 Emergency
63 Courtesy License. There are currently two Courtesy License holders and both are compliant.

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65 **Agenda Item – Emergency Courtesy License Update**

66 The Emergency Courtesy License is due to expire on July 13th, of 2021. The current plan is to send out a
67 survey for the end of service reports. The social work board replaced their ECL application with an End
68 of Service Statement to show that the ECL is expiring soon and there will be no renewals or extensions.
69 One month before the Emergency Courtesy License expiration date, they will remove the license from
70 the site and replace it with the end of service statement.

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72 **Off Record: 10:30 AM**

73 **On Record: 10:40 AM**

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75 **Agenda Item – Old Business**

76 **In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood and seconded by Sherri Scott, with unanimous**
77 **consent, it was resolved to amend the agenda to move Old Business from Friday to 10:45 AM**
78 **to make best use of time.**

79 The Board touched based regarding projects that had been assigned during the November Board
80 Meeting. Brad McConnell’s project had been put on hold due to the state of the Legislature. Bernard
81 Gatewood’s project had already been discussed as it pertained to the EPPP. Erin’s project pertained to
82 CEU’s and she discussed what other mental health boards in Alaska require and what other psychology
83 boards in other jurisdictions require their applicants to complete. PSYPACT was brought up as well as
84 the conversation turned to uniformity across jurisdictions and they touched on the pros and cons of
85 joining the compact.

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87 **Agenda Item – Old Business**

88 The Board discussed scheduling the next meetings and which meeting to hold in person. They settled on
89 the upcoming meeting dates and scheduling the next three State Law and Ethics Examinations, two of
90 which will be held in 2021. It will be decided when there are more details available who will be
91 attending the ASPPB Annual Conference.

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93 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

94 Public Comment was opened at 11:30. There was only one member of the public online at this time and
95 she was given five minutes. Malan Paquette spoke regarding the maintenance of public notices on the
96 web and her beliefs regarding a bill that pertains to missing individuals under 21 and bringing
97 investigative staff and law enforcement to meet the national standards. As there were no other
98 members of the public present, they took a recess for lunch.

99 **In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood and seconded by Sherri Scott, with unanimous**
100 **consent, it was resolved to take a recess for lunch at 11:37 AM and resume the meeting at**
101 **1:00 PM.**

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103 **Off Record: 11:37 AM**

104 **On Record: 1:00 PM**

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106 **Agenda Item – Division Update**

107 Melissa Dumas from the Division presented the 3rd quarter fiscal reports for the program for FY21. It was
108 discussed that there may be a fee increase in the future and that due to the Emergency Courtesy
109 Licenses, it is expected that Investigative expenditures will rise as well. Most of the program’s revenue
110 will be coming in in the 4th quarter as renewal fees come in. Melissa Dumas and Lacey Derr also went
111 over board member resources that are available as the board is fairly new and there are a number of
112 bills for them to watch out for in the Legislature at the moment.

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114 **Agenda Item – FY21 Annual Report**

115 Lacey Derr explained how the Annual Report has been done historically and what fell on the Division
116 staff to complete and what fell on the Board members to complete. Upcoming meetings and conference
117 attendance were discussed as those will need to be disclosed in the Annual Report. It will need to be
118 completed before the end of Fiscal Year 2021.

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120 **Agenda Item – Adjourn**

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122 **Upon a motion made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Brad McConnell, and approved**
123 **unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**

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125 **Chair Levy Adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM**

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135 Logan Bugayong
136 Occupational Licensing Examiner

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140 Erin Johnson
Board Chair

Date